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SUBJECT: ACTION MEMO:INVITATION TO MEET WITH REPUBLICAN
94TH CLUB (S/S NO. 7608704)

FOR THE SECRETARY FROM MCCLOSKEY

1. THE ATTACHED LETTER FROM REPRESENTATIVE W. HENSON MOORE INVITES YOU TO JOIN THE REPUBLICAN 94TH CLUB AS THEIR GUEST SPEAKER FOR LUNCH ON EITHER OF TWO DATES IN EARLY JUNE. IN THE PAST YEAR A NUMBER OF CABINET AND ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS HAVE MET WITH THE GROUP, INCLUDING MESSRS. SIMON, GREENSPAN, ZARB, COLBY, RICHARDSON AND MRS. HILLS. THE GROUP MEETS AT NOON AND ADJOURNS APPROXIMATELY ONE HOUR LATER. THEY USUALLY ASK THEIR GUEST TO SPEAK FOR FIVE TO TEN MINUTES ON A SUBJECT OF HIS CHOOSING, FOLLOWING WITH AN OFF-THE-RECORD DISCUSSION.

2. WHILE THESE MEMBERS ARE FAR FROM CRITICAL IN MOST OF
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THEIR COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS, NONETHELESS THEY CONSTITUTE A

FAIRLY EFFECTIVE CORE GROUP WHENEVER THEY GET BEHIND A GIVEN ISSUE. AS YOU KNOW, THE REPUBLICANS IN THE HOUSE HAVE BEEN PARTICULARLY HOSTILE TO OUR PANAMA CANAL TREATY AND AMONG THE MOST CRITICAL OF DETENTE. THE FRESHMEN REPUBLICANS WHO WOULD BE PRESENT AT THIS LUNCHEON ARE MUCH

MORE OPEN-MINDED AND BROADER IN SCOPE THAN THEIR ELDER PARTY BRETHREN. FOR THIS REASON, I THINK IT WOULD BE TACTICALLY USEFUL FOR YOU TO MEET WITH THEM AND TALK ABOUT THE STATE OF OUR RELATIONS WITH THE SOVIET UNION, PANAMA CANAL, AND YOUR AFRICAN TRIP. THEREFORE, I RECOMMEND THAT YOU ACCEPT THE INVITATION.

3. AFTER CHECKING YOUR SCHEDULE, I FIND THAT JUNE 1 IS THE BETTER OF THE TWO DATES SUGGESTED.

4. RECOMMENDATION:

THAT YOU AUTHORIZE ME TO ACCEPT THE INVITATION FROM THE REPUBLICAN 94TH CLUB FOR A LUNCHEON APPEARANCE.

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JUNE 1 JUNE 15

ALTERNATIVELY,

THAT YOU AUTHORIZE ME TO OFFER CHUCK ROBINSON TO APPEAR IN YOUR STEAD.

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TEXT OF LETTER FROM MOORE FOLLOWS:

1. DEAR MR. SECRETARY: ON BEHALF OF THE REPUBLICAN 94TH CLUB, I WOULD LIKE TO INVITE YOU TO HAVE LUNCH WITH US ON EITHER TUESDAY, JUNE 1 OR TUESDAY, JUNE 15, 1976, IN ROOM H-139 OF THE CAPITOL. WE MEET AT NOON AND NORMALLY ADJOURN BY 1:00 OR 1:15PM. AS YOU PROBABLY KNOW, THE REPUBLICAN 94TH CLUB CONSISTS OF THE FRESHMEN REPUBLICAN MEMBERS OF CONGRESS.

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2. WE HAVE ALREADY HAD JUST ABOUT EVERY CABINET MEMBER MEET WITH US AND WOULD LIKE VERY MUCH TO HAVE YOU DO THE SAME. NORMALLY WE ASK OUR GUEST TO SPEAK FIVE TO TEN MINUTES ON ANY SUBJECT HE WISHES CONCERNING HIS DEPARTMENT AND THEN TO HAVE AN OFF-THE-RECORD DISCUSSION FOLLOWING VIA QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS. I WOULD SINCERELY HOPE THAT YOU WILL BE ABLE TO BE WITH US AND LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING

FROM YOU IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

3. WITH KINDEST PERSONAL REGARDS, I REMAIN, SINCERELY
YOURS, W. HENSON MOORE, MEMBER OF CONGRESS, VICE PRESIDENT-
PROGRAM CHAIRMAN, REPUBLICAN 94TH CLUB.
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